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***Amendment***

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Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5525

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***"An Act Establishing A Children's Behavioral Health  
Advisory Committee To The State Advisory Council On  
Children And Families."***

1 After line 83, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 4. (a) There is established a Children's Behavioral Health  
3 Council which shall advise the appropriate state departments on the  
4 delivery of behavioral health services to children in this state. The  
5 council shall consider and make recommendations concerning: (1) The  
6 behavioral health needs of children in this state; (2) the availability,  
7 coordination and access to behavioral health services for children in  
8 each region of the state; (3) the availability of necessary funding for  
9 children's mental health and substance abuse services; (4) any need for  
10 increased data collection and analysis regarding client populations to  
11 be served; (5) any need for detailed assessment of current service  
12 needs and future projected needs; (6) well-being indicators for the  
13 client population and the achievement of same; (7) the development of  
14 progress indicators and their relationship to current state policies; (8)  
15 the sufficiency and efficiency of the local systems of care for each

16 region of the state; (9) the participation of children in existing  
17 programs and the need for additional programs; (10) the participation  
18 of providers in children's behavioral health service programs; (11)  
19 increasing outreach to children in need; and (12) the linguistic and  
20 cultural competence of providers and other program facilitators.

21 (b) The council shall be composed of the following members: (1) The  
22 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of  
23 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
24 services and public health or their designees; (2) the Commissioners of  
25 Children and Families, Social Services, Education, Mental Health and  
26 Addiction Services, Mental Retardation and Public Health or their  
27 designees; (3) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or  
28 said secretary's designee; (4) the executive director of the Commission  
29 on Children or said director's designee; (5) the Child Advocate or said  
30 advocate's designee; (6) two community providers of children's  
31 behavioral health services, one each to be appointed by the president  
32 pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House of  
33 Representatives; (7) two representatives of Medicaid managed care  
34 companies or their subcontractors, one each to be appointed by the  
35 minority leader of the Senate and the majority leader of the House of  
36 Representatives; and (8) two family representatives of children  
37 currently receiving behavioral health services, one each to be  
38 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate and the minority leader  
39 of the House of Representatives.

40 (c) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
41 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the council  
42 from among the members of the council. Such chairpersons shall  
43 schedule the first meeting of the council, which shall be held no later  
44 than June 1, 2000.

45 (d) Not later than January 1, 2001, the council shall submit a report  
46 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees  
47 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
48 human services and public health, in accordance with the provisions of

49 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The council shall terminate on the  
50 date that it submits such report or January 1, 2001, whichever is earlier.

51 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage, except that sections  
52 1 to 3, inclusive, shall take effect July 1, 2000."

53 Strike out line 84 in its entirety